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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/7/59

WEATHER The week averaged several degrees warmer than normal, with unseasonably high temperatures during the middle, but cooling to seasonable temperatures during the last two days. Some light snow fell over the northern portion of the State during the week, but there was no precipitation of consequence in the central and south.

November was cold and dry over most of the State. Temperatures averaged about 4° below normal in the southeast to 8° below along the northern border. Three severe cold waves overspread the State during the early and middle portions of the month. Seasonable temperatures prevailed during the last ten days. Precipitation was heavy in the extreme northeastern portion of the State, and near normal along the central portion of the northern border east-southeastward to the northern half of the eastern border. Elsewhere, the month was very dry. Many stations had only traces of precipitation. Several days were very windy.

CROPS Condition of winter wheat and other fall seedings declined somewhat as a result of wind damage and soil blowing. Surface moisture is needed over much of the State's wheat area since precipitation in recent weeks has been below normal. Much of the wheat had below normal growth going into the dormant stage this winter. The short growth affords little ground cover. Some loss of acreage has occurred already in the western districts where high winds have caused some serious soil blowing.

Corn harvest is nearly finished. Only 7 percent of the crop remains. Open weather favored harvesting. A few localities were bothered by muddy field conditions or high moisture corn, but most sections were rapidly winding up corn picking. A few counties in the northeast have 20 to 30 percent yet to pick, and some southeast sections have 15 to 20 percent of the acreage remaining for harvest. Gleaning operations are rather widespread, especially in the central counties where eardrop was heavy and rather general. Many fields are being gleaned by farmers or farm labor. Livestock are moving into stalk fields to salvage roughage and fallen ears. Considerable fencing activity has been underway to permit grazing corn fields.

Ranges and pastures were mostly open to grazing except for local areas in the north where snow cover still remained. In a few places, cattle were grazing fall sown grain fields, but generally, winter grains have little growth for pasturing.

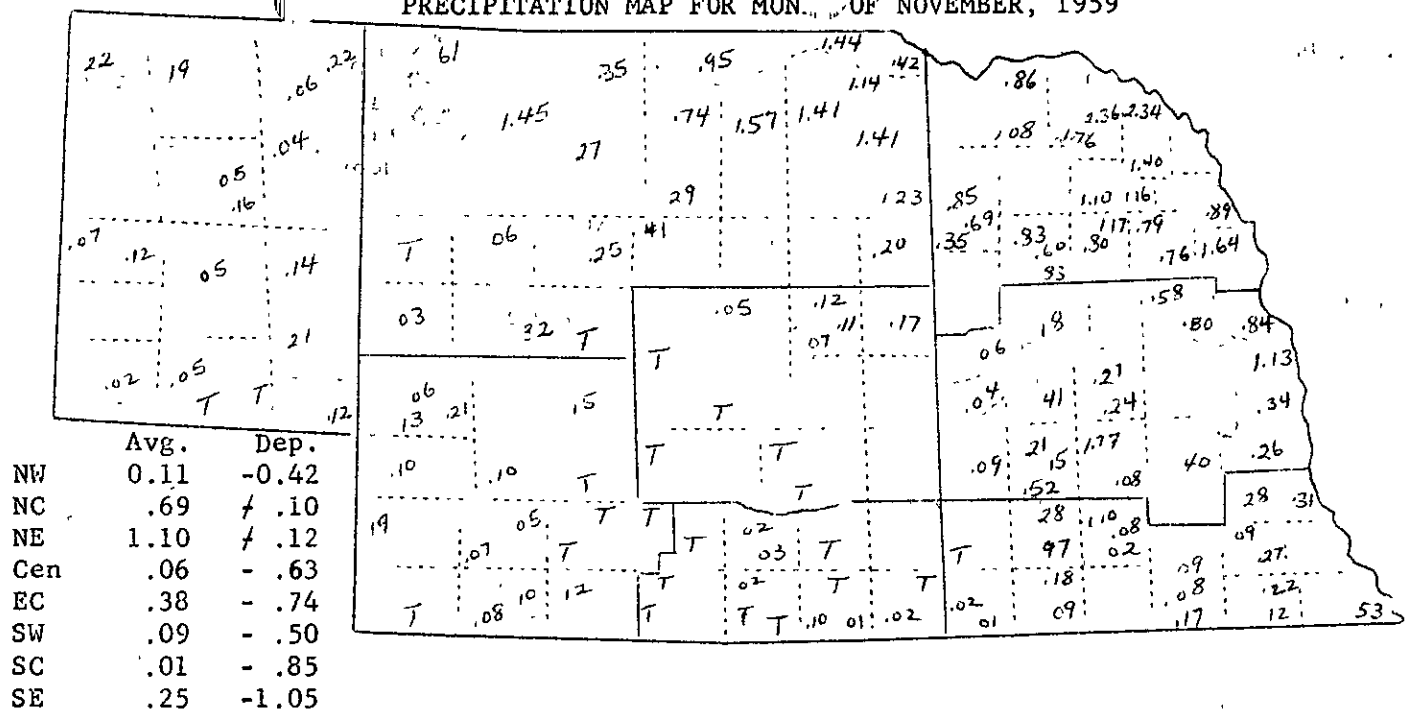
LIVESTOCK Open weather was favorable for livestock and good gains are mostly reported with ample to abundant grain, hay and roughage feed available.

Shipments of feeder cattle and calves into Nebraska during November were 156,000 head, down 13 percent from the 179,000 head shipped in during November, 1958. Since July 1, feeder cattle and calves received in the State were 4 percent above the corresponding period last year. The lower inshipments during October and November this year have offset sizeable increases in the July-September period. Sheep and lamb arrivals totaled 90,000 head in November compared with 64,000 head a year earlier. July-November receipts were 3 percent below a year ago.

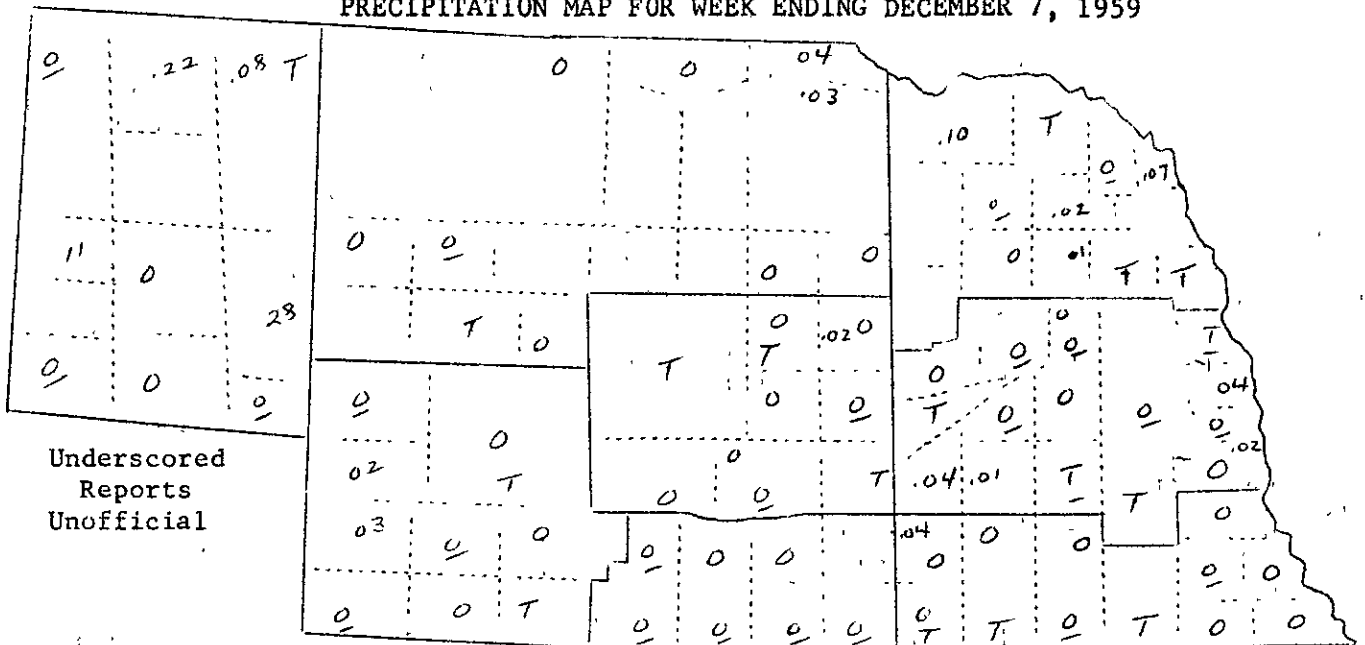
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.12
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	.02	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.04			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.07				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MON. OF NOVEMBER, 1959



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1959



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		December													
		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	46	27	45	25	59	27	61	28	32	12	34	30	45	29
	Scottsbluff	45	20	47	21	65	26	66	29	37	15	36	31	55	24
	Sidney	49	20	44	20	67	25	69	27	37	12	37	29	54	31
NC	Burwell	53	28	44	16	--	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	49	30	40	21	60	28	62	30	39	20	34	24	48	25
NE	Norfolk	50	36	43	30	54	25	66	35	41	25	32	17	34	26
	Sioux City	44	34	39	23	51	28	57	33	40	26	28	18	34	23
Cen	Grand Island	55	25	42	18	55	32	71	38	44	19	37	19	46	26
EC	Lincoln	52	32	38	24	52	35	67	38	45	27	35	20	37	27
	Omaha	50	32	35	21	48	31	62	35	41	27	31	17	35	23
SW	Imperial	50	25	44	22	65	26	70	32	41	20	35	27	54	32
	North Platte	51	23	44	15	61	20	71	31	41	19	38	25	54	21

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